

Forest Land- Gadchiroli

Diversion of 2.0077 ha. Forest Land under section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of underground Optical Fibre Cable along the road in RoW of ODR-21, ODR-67, NH-353C, ODR-29 and NH-63 from Kodsepalli to Sironcha including RoW of (ODR-30 and VR-101 from Umanur to Karancha S), in Aheri and Sironcha Tehsil of Dist. Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra.

**Government of Maharashtra
Revenue and Forest Department
Government Order No.: FLD-36A23/CR-221/F-10
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032
Date:- 31.07.2023**

Reference:-

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, MS, Nagpur
Letter No. Desk-17/FCA-S1/PID-433789/Gadchiroli/1047, Dated 06/07/2023.

Preamble:-

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, MS, Nagpur has submitted a proposal for diversion of 2.0077 ha. Forest Land under section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of underground Optical Fibre Cable along the road in RoW of ODR-21, ODR-67, NH-353C, ODR-29 and NH-63 from Kodsepalli to Sironcha including RoW of (ODR-30 and VR-101 from Umanur to Karancha S), in Aheri and Sironcha Tehsil of Dist. Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra.

Order:-

In exercise of powers under general approval given by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India vide Handbook of FCA Guidelines-2019, Chapter 4 (para-4.2), Government of Maharashtra is pleased to grant 'In-Principle' approval to the diversion of 2.0077 ha. Forest Land under section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of underground Optical Fibre Cable along the road in RoW of ODR-21, ODR-67, NH-353C, ODR-29 and NH-63 from Kodsepalli to Sironcha including RoW of (ODR-30 and VR-101 from Umanur to Karancha S), in Aheri and Sironcha Tehsil of Dist. Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra.

The details of Forest Land proposed for diversion are as under:-

Sr. No.	Taluka	Village Name	New Comp. No.	Survey No. / Gut No.	Forest Area			Legal status
					Length in Mtr.	Width in Mtr	Area in Ha.	
1	Aheri	Kadsepalli S.	KP104	407, 409, 401, 410, 412	2129.4	0.45	0.0958	RF
2	Aheri	Kadsepalli S.	KP103	412, 416, 417, 4	600.5	0.45	0.0270	RF
3	Aheri	Kadsepalli S.	KP102	134, 132, 129, 127	1049	0.45	0.0472	RF
4	Aheri	Kadsepalli S.	KP101	127, 126, 111, 113, 114	1034	0.45	0.0465	RF

5	Aheri	Kadsepalli S.	KP099	73,	1621	0.45	0.0729	RF
6	Aheri	Mandra s	KP093	30	213.5	0.45	0.0096	PF
7	Aheri	Damrancha	KP092	351, 387, 401, 339,	1996	0.45	0.0898	RF
8	Aheri	Damrancha	KP091, KP090	339	883	0.45	0.0397	RF
9	Aheri	Damrancha	KP093	351,	1400	0.45	0.0630	RF
10	Aheri	Mandra S	KP094	99,	2069	0.45	0.0931	RF
11	Aheri	Modumadgu	KP097	32 , 28, 28, 5, 7	2187	0.45	0.0984	RF
12	Aheri	Asha M	KP072	15, 1	2083	0.45	0.0937	RF
13	Aheri	Asha M	KP112	1,	735	0.45	0.0331	RF
14	Aheri	black	KP057		1172	0.45	0.0527	RF
15	Aheri	Asha	KP112	45, 1	1079	0.45	0.0486	RF
16	Aheri	Govindgaon	JA086	60	1670	0.45	0.0752	PF
17	Aheri	FDCM	JP335pt		816	0.45	0.0367	RF
18	Aheri	Suddagudam	JP333	44	983	0.45	0.0442	RF
19	Sironcha	Rompalli	SA051	154	2875	0.45	0.1294	PF
20	Sironcha	Rompalli	SA049	154	2308	0.45	0.1039	PF
21	Sironcha	Kambalpeta ry	SP006	55	250	0.45	0.0113	PF
22	Sironcha		SB004		1161	0.45	0.0522	RF
23	Sironcha		SB003		719	0.45	0.0324	RF
24	Sironcha	Bamni		46	485	0.45	0.0218	PF
25	Sironcha	Venktapur	SB005	49	3558	0.45	0.1601	RF
26	Sironcha	Garkapeta	SP013	82, 83,	581	0.45	0.0261	PF
27	Sironcha		SB006		530	0.45	0.0239	RF
28	Sironcha		SB008		2625	0.45	0.1181	RF
29	Sironcha		SB009		1607	0.45	0.0723	RF
30	Sironcha	Rangayapalli W		212	530	0.45	0.0239	PF
31	Sironcha	Karaspalli C L.	SP022	206, 196	1271	0.45	0.0572	PF
32	Sironcha		SB013		1829	0.45	0.0823	RF
33	Sironcha	Yeracheru mal	SP023	58	328	0.45	0.0148	PF
34	Sironcha	Adimuttapur		66	239	0.45	0.0108	PF
Total					44616.4		2.0077	

2. **This 'In-principle' approval is issued subject to the following conditions:-**

- 1) The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
- 2) Deputy Conservator of Forests has certified that proposed forest area is at a distance of 2.00 km from Eco-Sensitive Zone of the Pranhita Wildlife Sanctuary & at a distance of 0.00 km from Kolamarka Conservation Reserve therefore user agency shall obtain wildlife clearance and / or ensure compliance of mitigation measures, if required and suggested by the PCCF (Wildlife).
- 3) User Agency shall submit the Record of Rights of proposed land at village- Kadsepalli S., (Gut No./Survey. No. 412), village- Damrancha, (Gut No./Survey. No. 351), village-FDCM, (New Comp. No. JP335pt), Tal. Aheri, New Comp. No. KP057, and Tal. Sironcha, New Comp. No. SB004, SB003, SB006, SB008, SB009 & SB013, along with Stage-I compliance.
- 4) The concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests shall ensure legal status of proposed Forest land, before granting working permission.
- 5) User agency shall obtain NoC from FDCM.

- 6) User Agency shall defray the cost of plantation (including ten years maintenance) of 100 trees shall be levied from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species along with 10% RET species of Gadchiroli District shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. Details of land proposed for Plantation (Record of Rights & KML File), shall be submitted before Stage-II/Final approval.
- 7) The Optical Fiber Cable Line will be laid within maximum size of the trench of 2.00 meters depth & 0.45 meter width with cable line under the OFC pipeline.
- 8) If User Agency has not submitted bank guarantee or paid security deposit with concern road authority (NHAI/MSRDC/PWD/ZP), the agency shall submit a bank guarantee at the rate of Rs.50/- per running meter and an undertaking to that effect shall also be submitted. If the agency fails to reclaim the land to the satisfaction of concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests, the cost for reclamation will be covered from the bank guarantee.
- 9) If the cable is going to be laid in the formation width of the road, then additional charges in form of bank guarantee shall be given at the rate of Rs.35/- per running meter. Similarly for reclamation of side drain and for tarred portion, the guarantee will be at the rate of Rs.300/- per meter and Rs.750/- per meter respectively. An undertaking shall be obtained from the User Agency that it has agreed to make good any loss to Forest/ Environment while laying the cable in the forest area and during maintenance of the same in future.
- 10) For further maintenance of the project, the agency shall obtain permission from the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests as and when required.
- 11) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.
- 12) No felling of trees shall be done during the implementation of project.
- 13) No new forest area beyond the Right of Way of existing road should be broken for laying Optical Fiber Cable.
- 14) The User Agency shall pay the cost of additional Net Present Value, if required in future.
- 15) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- 16) After completion of the project, User Agency will reclaim the area under RoW suitably.
- 17) The Proposed work shall be carried out only during day time.
- 18) The User Agency after implementation of the project shall provide internet broadband connection of 100 Mbps speed to Sironcha Forest Division office, Kamlapur Range office and Bamni Range Office.
- 19) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the State Government.
- 20) This sanction is subject to the final clearance by the Department of Information & Technology for the project and concerned PWD authorities for the project.
- 21) The User Agency shall compensate the private owners of forest land if any, in accordance with the prevalent laws, rules & guidelines.

- 22) The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
 - 23) All other conditions as may be mandatory under relevant Acts, Rules and Guidelines shall be complied by the User Agency.
 - 24) All the conditions stipulated by the Forest Department shall be binding on User Agency.
 - 25) The User Agency shall make good of any loss to Forest / Environment.
 - 26) All necessary approvals required for the project as per the prevailing laws of the land would be obtained by User Agency.
 - 27) Any breach of the conditions by the User Agency will be treated as violation of the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
3. This Government Order is available at the Government of Maharashtra's website www.maharashtra.gov.in with reference No. 202307311815431319. This Order has been signed digitally.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

(Ganesh Jadhao)
Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra

Copy to:-

1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi
2. Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur.
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.
4. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, M.S., Nagpur
5. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & CEO (Maha-CAMPA), M.S., Nagpur
6. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), M.S., Nagpur
7. Collector, Gadchiroli.
8. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Gadchiroli.
9. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Gadchiroli.
10. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sironcha.
11. M/s. Bharti Airtel Ltd., Pune.
12. Select File (F-10).